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Pathways Transitions



Nice to Meet You

By Laura Arnold

Five years ago, I moved to Atlanta from Central Illinois to attend seminary, and having fallen in love with the area, the people, and the word “y’all,” I decided to stay. In 2010, I graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University with a concentration in spiritual formation and religious education. For two years following seminary, I served as a chaplain resident in two area trauma centers, but with an ever persisting love and passion for parish and educational ministry, I am excited to transition to an opportunity to support the educational ministry of the United Church of Christ as the SEC’s Associate Minister for Theological Education. I am thrilled to join the group of dedicated people in the SEC whose creative visions for theological education have been forming incredible ministries. Programs like PATHWAYS and Global Theological Education live out the commitment that theological education is not merely an information gathering process but rather a path whereby both students and the people and communities they engage are transformed. The future of our church is grounded in theological education. I look forward to serving with you in this amazing and vital ministry.



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Decatur UCC, Decatur, GA, has begun a new week-night series entitled "Brew and the Bible," whose members meet every Thursday evening to enjoy dinner, drinks, and to discuss Marcus Borg's book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. This series follows "Wine and the Word," a group that met each Thursday evening in June to study *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.

The children of Decatur UCC enjoyed a Journey to Congo on June 25-29. We had a great time with some of DUCC's kids, and several neighborhood visitors, as we explored the culture, food, arts, and music of the Democratic Republic of Congo. They also learned some important Bible stories that helped them remember to be good neighbors, learn from one another, and to share our love. The children brought in a "Change for Change" offering, totaling \$221 in spare change, to send to a school in Congo. This was definitely a life-changing journey!

Suite Goodbye: Hale Woodruff's Jazz Send-off

Dwight Andrews, noted composer, scholar, jazz musician, and pastor of First Congregational Church UCC, Atlanta, performed a rousing musical tribute to the majestic murals of Hale Woodruff. The Talladega Murals left the High Museum of Art on Saturday, September 1, to travel on to the African American Museum in Dallas, where they will be on exhibit from October 6, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

The musical line-up included Dwight Andrews, saxophones, flute, and bass clarinet; Tyrone Jackson, keyboards; Moffett Morris, bass; Che Marshall, drums; plus The Voices, a new Atlanta-based eight-member vocal ensemble.

First Congregational Church UCC, Montgomery, has called Dr. Wendy Coleman to serve as their pastor succeeding Michael Garrett, who served them for 16 years. Dr. Coleman teaches at Alabama State University, and was ordained by First Monumental Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Albany, GA, where she served for three years as an associate.

Bethany Congregational Church UCC, Thomasville, GA, has organized to search for a new pastor upon the resignation of their pastor of five years, Jeremy Rich. Jeremy has accepted a call to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church of Thomasville.

Art & Spirituality Workshop September 22, 2012

10 am – 2 pm

Sponsored by: Pilgrimage UCC
3755 Sandy Plains Rd.
Marietta, GA 30066-3021



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The theme – Life Stories
Beginning with the questions – who am I, where have I been, where am I now and where am I going? - We will, using the poetry of Teresa of Avila, seek out aspects of our own story and give visual expression of that story through a guided art experience. Artistic ability is not a prerequisite but only a desire to be in touch with your inner self.

The workshop leader is Rev. Henrietta Andrews, retired UCC pastor; member of First Congregational Church in Atlanta; member of the Committee on Ministry for the Southeast Conference; and a Certified Spiritual Companion.
Please RSVP with Lynne Buell at office@pilgrimageucc.org office@pilgrimageucc.org .

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Lifting Up... September 2012



Rev. Dr. Richard W. Sales Remembered
 by Tim Downs

We have shared with you the news of the death of Richard W. (Dick) Sales on August 30. Dick died following a fall that resulted in severe injury to his brain. The Southeast Conference UCC both mourns Dick's death, and celebrates with gratitude his life and ministry. We remember him as our first associate conference minister for theological education. Dick is the founder and "father" of TAP (Theological Among the People). His gifts and genius as an educator brought us a system which made theological education available not only to the pews, but to the ministers who did not have easy access to traditional theological training in preparation for ministry.



Born on September 16, 1931, in Syracuse, NY, Dick was the son of Mark Bishop Sales, Sr. and Evelyn Lillian Reichert. Dick is survived by his wife Nancy, brother Mark, and children, Mark, Anne and James. He was the grandfather of three.

He graduated from Oberlin College in 1953, received a MDiv. from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1956, and in 1973 a Th.D. also from Chicago Theological Seminary. Dick and his first wife Jane Magorian were appointed by the United Church Board of World Ministries to serve in South Africa in 1957, where they worked until 1971. Their visas to return to South Africa were denied, and they returned instead to the Republic of Botswana in 1974, where Jane died that year. Dick married Nancy Magorian in 1975 and they worked with the UCBWM in Botswana and Zambia, where Dick developed a program: Theological Education by Extension. TEE has educated an estimated 15,000 church leaders in these nations over the course of two generations.

In 1986 Dick and Nancy returned to the United States and he served with the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, then as an interim minister at Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Birmingham, and as interim at Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga. In 1988 he accepted a call as pastor of Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Birmingham, where he served until 1997. In 1997 he accepted a call to serve as the Associate Conference Minister for Theological Education of the Southeast Conference. In that position Dick developed the TAP program, extending it to every church of the Conference which could gather five people for a three year course of study. It was under his guidance that Kathy Clark began to work with TAP in the Southeast Conference.



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IAP, and ultimately succeeded Dick as its director.

The United Church of Christ and our partner denominations in Southern Africa owe Dick and Nancy a deep debt of thanks for their vision and teachings which have transformed the church of Jesus Christ. We are diminished by Dick's death, but have all been immeasurably enriched by his gifts and his love for the United Church of Christ. Dick and Nancy were able to be with us on August 25 for a celebration of the thirteen year ministry of Kathy Clark with the Southeast Conference. Kathy prepares to move to her new position in the national setting of the UCC. At that reception Dick Sales was recognized as a pioneer in the field of theological education by extension, and as the founder of TAP, a program which has now evolved into the PATHWAYS program.

The memorial service for Dick will take place on Sunday, September 23, at the First Congregational UCC (1024 Center Street, North, Birmingham, AL 35204-3245).

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to:

Greater Birmingham Ministries (www.gbm.org)

Magic City Harvest (www.magiccityharvest.org)

Global Ministries (www.globalministries.org)

Reflection on the :Life of Richard W. Sales

by Michael Stroud



Of the missionaries sent abroad over the generations by the UCC and its predecessors, Dick Sales had one of the greatest impacts upon the vitality of the mission of the churches in Southern Africa. Today, our partner churches in

South Africa, Botswana, and Zambia report that over 15,000 indigenous leaders have been trained to serve them. That in and of itself would be sufficient testimony of a remarkable ministry.

The Southeast Conference has for years sought to meet the needs of its ministers who have lacked opportunities or resources to prepare for ministry through traditional seminary education. Many of our smaller congregations found pastors ordained in other traditions, or ministers training in non-traditional programs such as that at LaGrange College in Georgia in the 1970's. Dick's commitment to theological education by extension (TEE), shaped by his ministry in Southern Africa, came in time to provide the Southeast Conference a way to meet these critical needs for an educated ministry.

Returning from Africa in 1986 and working with the Christian Council of Atlanta, Dick began implementing a TEE program in the Atlanta area. He subsequently served several UCC local church pastorates, yet throughout, Dick still aspired to bring TEE to the American South. The Alabama-Northwest Florida Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), ecumenical partners to the UCC, first engaged Dick to design and implement a several-course program of study and

discussion, named PEPP.

In 1997, the Southeast Conference called Dick to begin organizing the Theology Among the People program (TAP). I was among Dick’s first students in 1999 not long after I joined the United Church of Huntsville UCC, Alabama. I worked with two other members of the church to address the congregation’s needs for Christian education. TAP was an important part of strengthening the relationship between the United Church and the UCC.

I saw TAP, much as I see its online successor PATHWAYS, as the Conference’s way of meeting the need for trained ministers as well as equipping lay people for effective and theological grounded leadership in the church. These gifts are essential for a well informed and knowledgeable leadership in the church. TAP and PATHWAYS have been our Conference’s way of bringing excellent affordable and accessible theological training into each of our congregations. TAP has transformed the lives of many of the churches across the Conference, shaping their leadership and strengthening their relationship with the ministry and mission of the United Church of Christ. PATHWAYS promises to take this transformation to churches across the entire UCC. The gifts of Dick Sales are woven into the lives of both TAP and PATHWAYS.

Dick leaves us with a witness and ministry that has truly been a testimony to the Reformed principle of the priesthood of all believers. He will be missed but his legacy continues to be an inspiration. I join with all of those who have been touched by Dick’s life and ministry in saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

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Tim Downs to Retire
By Jim Crabb

Friends:

You will read a letter in this current "Conference Connection" from Tim Downs announcing his retirement as Conference Minister effective June 30, 2013. Tim has been a good and faithful servant, a visionary leader, and the principal force in the strengthening of the Southeast Conference in so many ways. We will take time to honor Tim at a later date. At this moment, though, I want to tell you about the search and call process.



For those who have been through a search and call for a local minister in the UCC, this will seem familiar. The Executive Committee is meeting regularly to develop a slate of candidates for a Search Committee. It is our hope that the Board of Directors will appoint the committee at the next meeting of the full board in mid-September.

Once appointed, the Search Committee will begin a process of developing a Conference Profile, which is then sent out through the various channels of the UCC. They will then review ministerial profiles from interested candidates, routed through and vetted by the Office of General Ministries. They will then select candidates for interview by phone and in person, finally selecting an individual to present for Conference approval. Although we would like to have a candidate by the next Annual Meeting, it seems likely that this process will take somewhat longer than that.

We are being assisted by Susan Towner-Larsen, who assists the General Minister and President with Conference Relations in the Office of General Ministries. Susan is clear that this is a search for a leader of the national UCC, as well as of our conference. Susan also reminds your somewhat business-minded Moderator that this is a ministerial search, which is different from a CEO search in some key ways, and therefore takes a different tack.

Another part of this process is the development of a position description. While we have a good working document, the Board would appreciate any input you may offer about what skills and qualities are important in our next Conference Minister. I will use this channel to keep you informed as the process moves forward. Please

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don't hesitate to let me know your thoughts. The best avenue for that is email:
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Jim Crabb
Moderator
Southeast Conference UCC

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Alabama-Tennessee Association Fall Meeting
"Who is My Neighbor:
A Sacred Conversation
on Immigration"

September 21 & 22 Flowood, MS
Safe Harbor Family Church

[Click here to download the information and registration packet](#) (PDF)

Circle the Date!
The Georgia-South Carolina Association
Fall Meeting , Saturday October 20

The Georgia-South Carolina Association will hold its fall meeting Saturday, October 20th 10:0-2:00, hosted by Bethany Congregational UCC, in Thomasville, GA. At the meeting we will gather in an ecclesiastical council to consider Brynn White as a candidate for ordination. Brynn, a recent graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School, a member of Peace Congregational UCC, in Clemson, SC, irecently served in a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency in Johnson City, TN and is now living in Charlotte and working at Carolinas Medical Center.

The meeting will also receive the resignation of the moderator of the association, Elizabeth Clement, who has accepted a position with the national United Church of Christ in Cleveland, OH, in the Office of General Ministries in the area of financial development. We hope you can join us for not only the fellowship but these important decisions in the life of our association!

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Cameron Barr, a recent graduate from Vanderbilt Divinity School, and a member of Howard Congregational Church UCC, Nashville, TN, was ordained at a service on Sunday, August 26. Cameron was recently called to serve as an associate minister at Plymouth UCC in Des Moines, IO. Christophe Ringer, pastor of Howard, preached for the occasion. Joe Ingle, who served as an advisor to Cameron, participated in the service, at which Barbara Everett represented the Alabama-Tennessee Association.

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United Church of Christ**

August 11, 2012

Grace and Peace to You:

**We invite you to our Annual Fall Meeting in Flowood,
[Jackson] Mississippi at Safe Harbor Family Church United
Church of Christ. Our meeting will begin on Friday,
September 21, and conclude on Saturday afternoon,
September 22, 2012. "Who Is My Neighbor? A Sacred
Conversation on Immigration" is our theme for this
gathering and several distinguished participants in the field
of immigration will be our key facilitators. The purpose of
this gathering is to have a conversation beyond our so
called "political pundits" and two minute sounds of
gibberish. Brief bios of each facilitator are included in the
registration packet. Come join us in discovering "Who Is
Our Neighbor?"**

Yours in Christ,

Gary Luther Myers, Moderator

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September 21-22, 2012

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Worship and Prayer led by Safe Harbor

Sacred Conversations on Immigration, led by in alphabetical first name order:

Rev. Angie Wright, Bill Chandler, Attorney L. Patricia Ice, & Mike Knezevich

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

- **4:00PM [CST]** Registration Begins
- **6:00PM** Dinner begins at 6:00PM
- **7:15PM** Opening Welcome and Worship Starts
Led by the Worship team: Safe Harbor
Keynote speaker: Rev. Angie Wright

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

- **8:00AM** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- **8:30AM** Opening Worship
- **9-10:30AM** Conversation groups led by Chandler, Ice, Knezevich, & Wright

- **9-10:30AM** Group Discussion – Immigration & the Church [Angie Wright]
- **9-10:30AM** Group Discussion – Immigration & the Community [Bill Chandler]
- **9-10:30AM** Group Discussion – Immigration & the Law [L. Patricia Ice]
- **9-10:30AM** Group Discussion – Immigration & the Media [M. Knezevich]

- **10:45-12:00PM OPEN FORUM: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

- **12:00PM** Lunch & sharing news around the association and conference/
Departure

LODGING ACCOMADATIONS & DIRECTIONS

Participants should book their own hotel rooms. Please advise the hotel that you are with the Alabama-Tennessee Association United Church of Christ. Be sure to book rooms by September 8, 2012 to get the rates listed below.

[1] BEST WESTERN PLUS FLOWOOD INN & SUITES

1004 Top Street

Flowood, MS 39232-9579

Phone# (601) 420-4944 / Toll Free Reservations: 888-370-2128

Room rate: \$63.00, plus tax room rate, 25 rooms blocked/reserved/contracted for this event. Must book rooms by September 7, 2012 to get this rate. Rooms are a single king or double queen. Free high speed wired and wireless Internet access. Free complimentary hot breakfast buffet. Hotel requires credit card number at the time of reservation.

[2] ECONO LODGE INN AND SUITES [Rooms are available but NO OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS]

1004 Treetops Blvd

Flowood, MS 39232

Phone# (601) 939-2676

Rooms are available [But NO OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS]

Both hotels are the closest to the church which is about 2.3 miles away.

For driving directions to the hotels and Safe Harbor Church, please use "Google Maps, or MapQuest." We have included general driving directions for each church.

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Directions to the hotels, if you want to go check-in first - before you go to the church:

From Birmingham: Take I-20 West to I-55 North and then follow instructions from Memphis below.

From Memphis: From I-55 Take Exit 98B Hwy 25 North/Carthage/Lakeland Dr. East, and go East 2.5

At Treetops Blvd. Turn right at Applebee's Restaurant, and see Best Western directly on the left at T
see Econo Lodge directly on the right.

Directions to the church, if you want to go to the church first - prior/before to going to the hotel:

SAFE HARBOR FAMILY CHURCH

1345 Flowood Dr., Flowood, MS 39232-2702

Phone: 601-906-8934

Directions:

From Memphis: Take I-55 South to I-20 East, and then follow instructions from Birmingham below.

From Birmingham: From I-20 take exit 47, US 49 North, and go North toward Hwy 80. Continue straight on US 49 changes names and turns into Hwy 468/Flowood Drive as it crosses over Hwy 80 (pass by the Church is 2.4 miles North on the left; it's the next building on the left past Flea Market building. There is a huge American Flag in the parking lot. Click link below for map.

<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=1345+Flowood+Drive,+Flowood,+MS&hl=en&ll=32.304255,-90.144711&spn=0.093584,0.182476&sl=32.381844,-90.144274&sspn=0.748021,1.459808&oq=1345+flowood,+ms&hnear=1345+Flowood>

From Church to Hotels: From church parking lot turn left onto Flowood Dr./Hwy 468, and go 2.6 miles. Turn left onto River Oaks Dr. at Texaco, and go North .06 mile to Lakeland Dr.

At Lakeland Dr., turn left going West .06 mile to Treetops Blvd. (You'll be able to see Best Western on the right). At Treetops Blvd. turn left; Best Western is on Tops St. to the left, and Econo Lodge is directly on the right.

From Hotels to Church: From Best Western hotel parking lot turn left onto Tops St. and then left onto

or from Econo Lodge parking lot turn right onto Treetops Blvd. going South. (Go the opposite direction
Go .05 mile to Hwy 468 /Flowood Dr and turn/veer right. Go 1.8 miles and turn right into church/veer
This right turn will be the first right past Underwood St. There is a huge American Flag in the parking

On Fri, Aug 3, 2012 at 5:40 AM, <gary168@centurytel.net> wrote:

Good morning Mike. Thank you very much for securing Best Western Plus Hotel. Could you please get an alternative hotel because typically there will be no
Western is unavailable, they will need another option. Thanks, and I hope this request is not an inconvenience.

Gary Luther Myers

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Rev. Angie Wright

Rev. Angie Wright is the Faith In Community Coordinator for Greater Birmingham Ministries. She has served as the founding pastor of Beloved Community United Church of Christ in the inner-city of Birmingham since 2000. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice.

For over thirty years, Rev. Wright has been a leader in community and faith-based organizing for racial and economic justice. She served as the Associate Director of the Birmingham Center for Affordable Housing from 2000 – 2011 and as the Executive Director for Leading Edge Institute, preparing collegiate women to be leaders in social change, from 2007 – 2009. Rev. Wright was the Director of the Katrina Resettlement Program of Alabama, creating and managing a \$19 million program serving over 2,000 families with a staff of ten. From 1995 – 2000, she served as the Program Coordinator for the BEAT community revitalization effort in the inner-city of Birmingham. She was the co-founder of Alabama Arise, a statewide coalition of organizations which lobbies on poverty issues. From 1989 until 1993, Rev. Wright was the founder of Good Work Self-Employment Project and founding Executive Director of the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition, both in Durham, NC.

Rev. Wright was honored as Outstanding Woman in the Community by the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 2003. She has served on numerous Boards of Directors.

She received her B.A. from Davidson College (N.C) in 1978, and her Masters of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in 1995. She was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1997. She has two sons in college.

Mike Knezevich

Civil Rights, Social and Economic Justice Advocate/Activist

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Mike is involved with various organizations, education and social engineering projects, the board of directors for Safe Harbor Family United Church of Christ and on the board of the House, which is a local nonprofit organization, transitional and permanent living facility for people living with HIV and AIDS. In addition, he is a member of MIRA or the Mississippi Alliance. Mike is regularly seen in the media protesting in support of these organizations and justice issues. Also, he helps organize and facilitate displays of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Jackson, Mississippi area.

An outspoken and visible advocate for groups of marginalized and disenfranchised people, Mike has written editorials and letters to the editor published in the state's largest newspaper *The Commercial Appeal* and state news publications including *The Hattiesburg American*, *The Meridian Star*, and others, which number in the hundreds. His original quotes and some editorials can easily be found on the internet. Likewise, the projects, Mike and the organizations where he is involved are often featured on Facebook, seen and heard on local television and radio stations.

Mike works in the Unemployment Insurance Division of MDES or the Mississippi Department of Education and specializes in helping Spanish speakers and other claimants who do not speak English to maintain their unemployment benefits. He holds a Master's Degree in Management and has done work on his PhD at Jackson State University. His initiation of a bilingual program over the past year have helped to reduce the expenses of that agency's yearly operating costs by 22%.

Mike's goal is to educate and function as a nexus between various groups and organizations and concerns regarding civil rights, social and economic justice issues.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Immigrants-Rights-Alliance/105176609608689>
<http://www.yourmira.org/>

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Bill Chandler
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An eyewitness to the brutal immigration raids during the 1950's, Bill Chandler, a California native, has been continuously involved in supporting the rights of immigrant workers for more than 45 years. He began with union organizing and community activism in the 1960s in Los Angeles. He participated in the 1965 grape boycott effort and organized cross-border actions with Mexican and American workers to support the United Farm Workers in their efforts to improve conditions, even in the face of police harassment and brutality. Since then, Bill's organizing focus has been primarily with the lowest paid workers in the South, including farm workers, hospitality, health care, public and immigrant workers. Beginning in 1989 in Mississippi, he organized the aggressive Mississippi Alliance of State Employees/Communications Workers of America. He helped start the successful effort by some 5,000 casino workers to organize into UNITE HERE in Mississippi. Responding to attacks on immigrant workers and discrimination against Latino school children in Mississippi, Bill brought a group of immigrants, labor, civil rights, religious, social and human rights activists and organizations together to form the MIRA in November of 2000. Initially an organization of volunteers, the MIRA has grown into a major force with a staff of organizers, an attorney and advocates, led by a board made up of mainly African American and Latino leaders in Mississippi. Bill has six successful adult children and six grandchildren. He is married to L. Patricia Ice, the MIRA Legal Project Director. They live in Jackson with two dogs and three cats.

L. Patricia Ice
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Ms. Ice grew up in the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Detroit, MI from the 1950s through the 1990s before she moved to Mississippi. She is currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jackson, and served for two years as a United States Peace Corps volunteer English teacher in Porto Novo, Benin, West Africa in the 1980s. Later, after teaching English in the Philippines, Haiti, Honduras and the United States, Ice developed an interest in immigration law. She moved to Mississippi in 1998 to work as a reference librarian at the Mississippi College School of Law. A year later, she began an immigration law practice in Jackson, continuing with the work she had started in Michigan in 1994. Ice joined MIRA in 2001 as an attorney volunteer and then as a board member. She joined the MIRA staff in 2006 after being awarded an Equal Justice Works Katrina Legal Fellowship. Ice has been a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 1993. She writes an immigration advice column which appears online at imdiversity.com and in the Mississippi print publications of La Noticia and The Jackson Advocate. She holds a B.A. in History from Spelman College, an M.A. in Linguistics with a major in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from Ohio University, and M.L.I.S. (Library Science) and J.D. (Law) degrees from Wayne State University. A native of Detroit, Ice is an attorney admitted to practice law in Michigan, Mississippi and New Mexico.